

October 20, 2010 Transportation and Land Use Committee Draft Action Summary

CPAM 2009-0002, ZOAM 2009-0004, DOAM 2009-0004/Proposed Chapter 1222 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County and Amendments to Chapters 1066 and 1220 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County/Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Amendments/ Discussion of Riparian Buffers

On October 5, 2010, the Board of Supervisors directed the Transportation and Land Use Committee to explore potential incentives to achieve effective forested riparian buffers along Loudoun streams; to examine permanent conservation easements and efforts that complement existing state and federal buffer initiatives; and to assist landowners to implement the draft Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act amendments, and voluntarily reforest riparian buffers where not otherwise required. At the October 20, 2010 Transportation and Land Use Committee, staff discussed agricultural incentives summarized in the October 20, 2010 staff report, including tax exemption; the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP); and state income tax credit. Staff also discussed specific funding options available to supplement the existing agricultural incentive programs. The Committee requested that staff return to the Committee on November 17, 2010 with additional details on the incentives presented and discussed, and whether a county program can be applied at the local level.

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Continuation of Discussion of Riparian Buffer Incentives from the October 20, 2010 Transportation and Land Use Committee meeting

As requested by the Committee at its October 20, 2010 meeting, staff provided additional details to the Committee regarding potential incentives for establishing and/or maintaining riparian buffers for the purpose of improving water quality, which is summarized in the November 17 staff report. Staff also addressed funding options such as tax-based relief, supplements to existing state and federal cost-share programs, support for practices not currently eligible for cost-share programs, and grant-based support. Following discussion, the Committee requested that staff return to the December 14, 2010 Committee meeting to continue evaluation of the several incentive options discussed and that the incentives be compared in a matrix format; and further, that information be provided on potential tax-based relief for establishing permanent riparian buffer easements.